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April 28, 2003

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street NW -Suite 534
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Akron Junction, in Akron, Summit County, Ohio
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 631X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

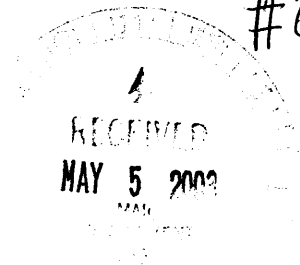
This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on March 21, 2003, requesting authority to abandon its line of railroad as above-described.

Attached is response dated April 18, 2003, from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office advising that "Based on the information submitted and that (is) available in our files, it is my opinion that the project will not affect historic properties."

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy:
Ms. N. S. Rosenberg, Counsel
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street-J150
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April 18, 2003

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Dear Ms. Bash:

Re: Abandonment of 0.07 miles of rail line in Arkon, Ohio
former Conrail MP 11.49 – V.S. 621+00 to MP 11.49 – V.S. 624+70
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 631X)

This is in response to correspondence, received on February 24, 2003, regarding the above referenced project. My comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the associated regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.

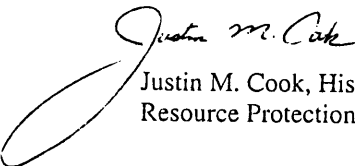
The project involves the abandonment of 0.07 miles of rail line in Akron, Ohio. A check of our records shows that there are currently no known sites listed in the Ohio Archaeological Inventory for the project area and that the project area is not in a listed historic district. There are no known architectural properties listed in the Ohio Historic Inventory for the project areas. No photographs of the project area were submitted. However, you did state that “no railroad structures that are 50 years old or older” are in the project area. Our records do not show any historic properties (properties that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places) near the project area. We are not aware of any properties that have been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register that are near the project area.

Based on the information submitted and that available in our files, it is my opinion that the project will not affect historic properties. No further coordination with this office is necessary unless there is a change in the project.

In the future, please submit photographs of the project area, including pictures of all structures regardless of whether or not they are owned by CSX or are railroad-related. These photographs will allow us to make a more informed decision regarding the effects of abandonment on historic properties.

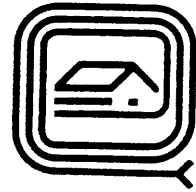
If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by phone at (614) 298-2000 or by e-mail at jcook@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Justin M. Cook, History Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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